



Sanderson Academy

Weekly Newsletter

October 17, 2019

From the Principal: It was great to have parents and community members join us for our hike last week. We hope many can also attend our Sugar Rush 5K next week on Friday, October 25. The run will leave Sanderson Academy at 9:30. We will run to the field across from the Ashfield Lake. We will take buses back to Sanderson for around 11:15. Hope to see you there!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ms. Sandra Hubert".

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, October 18: Third Grade to Mount Greylock
- Friday, October 18: Sixth Grade to Ropes Course
- Monday, October 21: LEC Meeting at 4:30
- Wednesday, October 23: 1:50 Release
- Friday, October 25: Sugar Rush 5K 9:30
- Friday, October 25: Mohawk Trail Disney Dinner Concert Preview @ 1:15-1:45
- Tuesday, October 29: Picture Retakes
- Tuesday, October 29: Book Fair Set Up Day
- Wednesday, October 30th: Book Fair is open 9-5 pm
- Thursday, October 31: Book Fair is open 9-5 pm until Tuesday Nov. 12th
- Friday, November 1: No School

PTO News: We would like to send out a great big "Thank You" to everyone who helped in both the Local Goods and the Walking Tacos at Fall Festival. Both fund-raisers were huge successes this fall and will bring a lot of exciting events for our whole school community. Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, November 5th at 5:30pm. We will be getting organized for our Local Goods Distribution Day, which is November 16th. If you would like to help out with that event on either Friday the 15th for packing bags or the 16th for the pick-up event, please let us know or just show up for the meeting. Thanks!

Preschool news from Ms. Freeman: Preschoolers helped change our Pretending Area into a Costume Shop. The children love browsing the shelves looking for costumes to try on, then looking at themselves in the mirror. They also enjoy the role of sales clerks, using the cash register to collect payments for

costumes. The creativity, imagination, and language skills have been amazing to see as the children cooperate, share, and interact with each other.

Preschool News from Ms. Melanie: We had a great time at the DAR on Mountain Day! We hiked a beautiful trail that skirted the pond, noticing all the magnificent signs of Autumn. We stopped and played at various spots. In one wooded area, we had an acorn hunt using “magic sticks” to brush away the abundant leaves revealing many huge acorns, some with caps still attached, and even some “doubles”. We found a chipmunk hole and discovered where some small furry woodland friends had been cracking and eating acorns. We left a pile outside their “door” as a thank you for sharing their woods with us.

Kindergarten News from Ms. Sarah: In math this week, we focused on forming the numerals 1 through 5. One way we practiced this was through a dice game, where students rolled a dot dice and then practiced tracing and/or writing the numeral that showed how many dots (roll a 6 and you get to choose which numeral to practice!) We also played games to become more fluent with the different ways of making 5 (such as 1+4 and 2+3). An example of this was the game “Spill the Beans,” in which students dumped out 5 bicolored (red/white) tokens, noted how many landed on the white side and how many landed on the red side, and then showed the result with their fingers (such as 1 on right hand and 4 on left).

First Grade News from Ms. Pedersen: First grade had a fun, safe Mountain Day hike last Friday at the DAR. We appreciate the parent involvement and help that was provided. The weather was beautiful and the children enjoyed the hike down from the fire tower on the Darling Trail. We enjoyed lunch at the camper’s beach. After lunch the children enjoyed exploring and playing in the sandy beach area. We observed duck’s landing in the water and admired the beautiful fall foliage color.

Second Grade News from Ms. Robertson: Last Friday found us enjoying the beautiful autumn foliage of the DAR as we hiked from the fire tower to the beach area. As we hiked, we took a moment to wonder about the family who might have inhabited the old cellar hole we discovered at the side of the trail. We also enjoyed looking for various leaves, such as multicolored ones and those chewed on by an animal, as well as different kinds of seeds, such as helicopter seeds and parachute seeds. Some of the leaves in our collections were later used to make leaf rubbings, and these rubbings will soon be used in a leaf art project. Additionally, we would like to extend a thank you to the adult chaperones who accompanied us on the Mountain Day hike to the DAR. We appreciated the extra adult support as we enjoyed the crisp fall air and beautiful views.

This week we are extending our Mountain Day leaf observations by using our brainstormed list of describing words, action words, places, and times to write expanded sentences about leaves. With our lists, we wrote original sentences such as “The round leaf spins onto the blacktop at recess.” and “The red leaf dropped to the ground at 7:30.”. Our next steps will be to edit our work and to choose one of our edited sentences to copy over and illustrate.

Second Grade News from Ms. Wyckoff: We had the most beautiful weather for Mountain Day last Friday! Second graders enjoyed seeing the old basement hole along the side of the trail and made many guesses as to what used to be there as well as what might have happened to the old structure. During the hike children carried on conversations about other things they enjoy doing at the DAR with their families. One child shared that he likes to cross country ski on the trails in the winter, while another friend talked about ice fishing with his Dad. Others were longing for summer when they could not just dip their toes in the water, but go for a full swim! After lunch many children sat near the water and worked together to create a variety of moats and water collection bowls. Thank you to all the families who joined us for the hike, it was so wonderful to have you with us!

Third Grade News from Ms. Fisher:

In Number Corner this month, third grade has been focusing on both geometry and measurement. Specifically, we are learning about the attributes of 2D shapes including types of angles and whether a shape is concave or convex. We are also measuring out 250 mL of water every morning to make liters. Predictions have been made around how many liters we will fill by the end of the month. As you can see below, we had a fabulous day at the DAR last Friday for Mountain Day, and we are looking forward to another great day this Friday at Mt. Greylock.



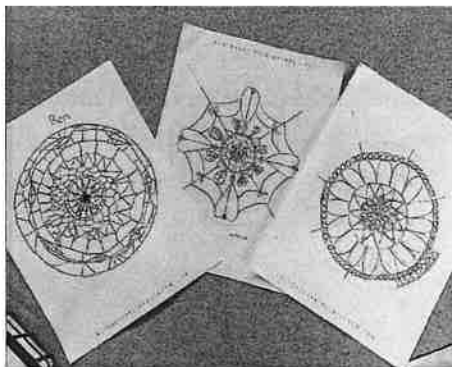
Fourth Grade News from Mrs. Rida: Fourth graders enjoyed their hike at the DAR last Friday and we definitely lucked out with nice weather. Thank you to the adults that volunteered to hike with our class. In math fourth grade completed their first Work Place Activity called Cover Up. It required students to solve multiplication equations and use the product to color in as much area as possible within 4 turns. This first Work Place allowed us to determine expectations for these activities that will allow them to be completed independently in the future.

Fifth Grade News from Ms. Johnson: Fifth grade has been combining science and math as we measure the mass of two carrots each day and graph the results. We have also been combining reading and social studies as we learn about literature circles to prepare to read about Native Americans interacting with settlers in historical fiction novels.

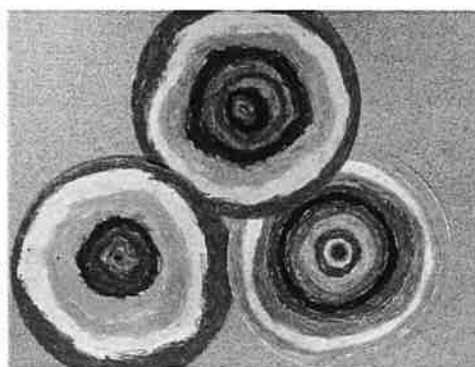
Sixth Grade from Ms. Schreiber: What an incredible month. Thank you to all who came to the Ashfield Fall Festival and supported the sixth grade playing our dime toss game. The proceeds will be going toward our field trip to the Morse Hill Outdoor Education Center ropes course this week! This week we are finishing up our imaginary islands in preparation for our museum breakfast next week. Each island map is unique to students' themes and individual island imaginary histories while interweaving the five themes of geography. In math we have been studying factors and multiples as well as reviewing exponents. Lots going on.

Math News from Mrs. Prew: You know about Number Corner and Workplaces, but what about Problem Strings? Problem Strings are a piece of the math curriculum starting in third grade. They are meant to foster computational fluency and number sense. They are incredibly helpful for students to hear from each other and try out different strategies they have seen. Ask your kiddos about patterns they noticed during the Problem Strings that they have tried out. Another reminder, Tuesday through Friday starting at 8:30, the Homework Hub is in room 18. Come on by!

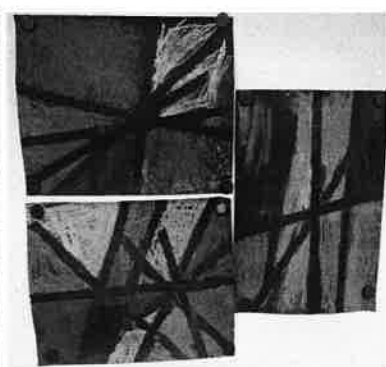
Art News from Mrs. McMillan: This has been a short but productive week for students in Art. Most classes are starting new projects. 5th and 6th graders are learning about book binding. They will be creating their very own sketchbooks that they will be able to use throughout the year in Art. We are currently creating covers and signature pages for our sketchbooks. In the following weeks we will be learning how to do what is called a coptic stitch to bind all of our pages and cover together. 3rd and 4th grade are going to make scratch board mandalas. This week we focused on creating a rough draft of what we want our mandala to look like, next week we will start creating our final drafts. K, 1st and 2nd grade are learning about a famous artist named Wassily Kandinsky. We spent some time looking at some of his art work and talked about what we noticed. We are in the process of creating our "Kandinsky circles." Last but not least, PreK is using chalk pastels and tape to create beautiful images. We have been working on laying out the tape where we want on our paper and then going over it with the chalk pastels. The colors are so vibrant!



3rd & 4th Grade



K, 1st, & 2nd



PK

Library News From Mrs. Shippee:

Here is some very exciting news about our Sanderson Academy Library! Our Annual Scholastic Book Fair & Fundraiser will be held from Wednesday October 30th through Tuesday November 12th. (School is closed on Friday November 1st and Monday November 11th.) Families can do some fun and educational Pre-Holiday Shopping! BookFair Flyers make a wonderful guide to help students make their book WishList! Students will have specific days to preview and to purchase books with their classes. Families will be receiving a flyer, along with a letter & a calendar... soon! If you are planning on helping with set-up, please come in on October 29th, anywhere from 9am to 3pm. Also, if you are planning on helping with pack-up on the afternoon of November 12th, come on in at come in anytime after 2:30 and we'll begin work at 3pm.

To Pay for Your Purchase:

- We accept **Personal Checks** made out to **Sanderson Academy PTO**
- Scholastic takes **Credit Cards**
- For a **cash payment**: Please send your child's **wish-list & money in an envelope** marked with their name on the envelope. If your child needs change, we'll put their money into the original envelope *or* into a bank envelope.)
- **6.25% Sales Tax Applies**, since our fundraiser is *selling* books.
- WishLists for Classroom Teachers will be at the register for Parents' convenience.

Thanks so much, everybody, for volunteering and for supporting our Fundraiser! Sanderson Children *and* Classroom Teachers have been so thankful for your support! You've helped to buy many new and replacement books to keep our library in great shape!



Children's Advocacy Center

of Franklin County and North Quabbin Area

Child Safety in Today's World:



An Engaging Presentation & Discussion

For all members of our community

Learn about keeping our kids safe in the 21st century!

We'll cover:

- * Internet Safety Tips**
- * Healthy Relationships**
- * Communicating about the tough issues**



Door Prizes Available!

Facilitated by Jackie Humphreys, LICSW & Joanne Leonard, CSEC Coordinator of the Children's Advocacy Center of Franklin County and North Quabbin, Inc.

This workshop will be offered 3 times in 3 different locations of our region:

Wednesday October 2nd 6-7:30 at Baystate Franklin Medical Center, 164 High St, Greenfield

Tuesday October 22nd 6-7:30 at Athol Public Library, 568 Main St, Athol

Thursday November 7th 6-7:30 at Mohawk Regional High School, 26 Ashfield Rd, Shelburne Falls

Register with Joanne Leonard at 413-475-3401 or jleonard@cacfranklinnq.org

This event is free, made possible by a grant from the Bete Family Foundation.

This is not a school-sponsored event.